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Hank Chiles is employed as a Senior Fellow for the National Defense University in support of the Pinnacle, Capstone, and Keystone programs.

Admiral Chiles graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in the Class of 1960, with a Bachelor of Science degree. Following commissioning, he served aboard USS BORIE (DD 704). , In September 1961 he began submarine training, followed by nuclear training. He then served aboard USS TRITON (SSN 586), then USS TECUMSEH (SSBN 628) (BLUE), followed by a tour as Material Officer on the staff of Commander, Submarine Squadron FIFTEEN, Guam.

Following an assignment as the Executive Officer on USS DRUM (SSN 677), he studied at Oxford University as a CNO Scholar in politics, philosophy, and economics, receiving a Master of Arts degree. This was followed by a tour aboard USS Gurnard (SSN 662), then an assignment to the U.S. Department of Energy, where he conducted fleet liaison and directed the Prospective Commanding Officer's Course.

In subsequent assignments, he served as Commander, Submarine Squadron THREE, then Commander, Naval Training Center, San Diego. In 1988, Admiral Chiles reported to Naples, Italy as Commander, Submarine Group EIGHT (CTF 64, 66 and 69) and Commander Submarines Mediterranean.

In 1990, he assumed duties as Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and also Commander, Submarines Allied Command Atlantic, a NATO post. In 1993, he became Deputy Commander in Chief and Chief of Staff, U.S. Strategic Command.

In 1994, he assumed the position of Commander in Chief, U.S. Strategic Command, the post he held until his retirement on 1 March 1996.

Chiles has chaired a Congressional Commission and Defense Science Board study on Nuclear Weapon Expertise and held the Chair of Leadership at the Naval Academy from 1999 to 2003. He currently serves on boards at Sandia National Laboratories and the Applied Physics Laboratory of Johns Hopkins University, the Board of Directors of CEPEDA Corporation, consults with Systems, Planning and Analysis Inc. and chairs the U. S. Strategic Command Next Generation SSBN Study